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TARC NEWSLETTER

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MEETINGS: 4th Tuesday of each month, 1900 hrs at the North Brevard Public Library on Hopkins Ave. in Titusville. SEE SPECIAL BELOW

"Eatin Meetin": Thursday nights 1730-1830 hrs at a local restaurant. Contact Sherry Hughes 279-2796 or 146.91 mHz

The President's Corner By, Bub Hughes, K4CWG

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The TARC Annual Pot-Luck dinner will be held:

Where: Titusville Public Library 2121 S. Hopkins Ave.

When: Wednesday October 27th (That is the day after our regular meeting date)

Time: 6:00PM (Eating will begin at 6:30PM)

We must be out of the building no later than 9:00PM

For any emergency the telephone number at the library is 321-264-5026.

The library is the next building South of the Titusville High School. When arriving at the library on Hopkins enter the most southerly driveway. There you will find four separate parking areas in which you may park. Enter the building from the South entrance and when inside turn to your right and follow the sign(s) to the meeting area.

Upon arrival and entering the Jaycee Bldg at approximately 6:00PM for our 7:00PM September club meeting we were shocked and saddened to fine the floor covered with water, serious water damage to the ceiling and walls and a terrible mold/mildew odor.

Realizing the condition of the facility we were faced with the dilemma and uncertainty of finding a place (within an hour) in which we could hold our club meeting.

Thanks to Battalion Commander Gaenicke of the Titusville Fire Department the radio club was permitted to meet at the downtown TFD Station # 11 upstairs facility.

I did not get the name of the Lieutenant at TFD Station #10 who so graciously contacted CDR Gaenicke in behalf of the club in seeking permission to use the TFD facility. Our thanks are extended to this fine officer for his assistance.

All club member attendees who had arrived at the Jaycees Bldg shuttled on over to Fire Station # 11 except Fred K4DII. Fred volunteered to remain at the Jaycee Bldg to advise latecomers of the change in venue. I apologize to those who missed the meeting due to their arrival at the Jaycee Bldg after Fred left heading to the meeting place.

I am so proud of and thankful for the response of so many of our club members who donated their time and skills in providing communications from the evacuation shelters to the EOC during the onslaught of hurricanes during the past few weeks. You have shown your community that you care and it has not gone unnoticed. **Titusville Fire Chief Rick Talbert** recognized and paid tribute to you for your many hours of service. Thank you so much for being there when your community needed you.

On a sad note we bid farewell to Les Widick K4BZJ. We have been blessed and are thankful for the pleasure of having Les as our friend. Our club pays tribute for the many years of untiring leadership and his contribution to amateur radio making this hobby enjoyable for all of us. To Pat KF4IGB and family we extend our love and condolences.

See you at the meeting WEDNESDAY Oct 27th. Remember get there around six o'clock so we can get started by 6:30.

Bud K4CWG 73s and 88s

Abell's Anecdotes, By Pike Abell W4EPU

First of all, let me apologize for yet another article about those hurricanes. However, just for the record it ought to be noted that four hurricanes, (Five if you count Bonnie) crisscrossed our state of Florida during the period of August 13 thru September 25. They were Charlie, Francis, Ivan and Jeanne. Very few, if any, people in the state of Florida were completely spared from the impact of these storms.

Charlie slammed into Port Charlotte Harbor on August 13, crossed the state at an angle, southwest to northeast, and exited at Daytona Beach a couple of days later. It inflicted a lot of damage in its path. Although the closest the eye came to Titusville was Orlando, it caused a lot of damage here also.

On September 5, Frances made landfall at Sewall's Point near West Palm Beach and crossed the state from southeast to northwest, exiting just north of Tampa. It reentered on the Florida panhandle and proceeded thru Tallahassee to Georgia and points north. Titusville was hit with hurricane force winds, inflicting a lot of damage in that area.

Far out in the Gulf of Mexico, Hurricane Ivan proceeded northward and made landfall on September 16 at Gulf Shores Alabama, just west of Pensacola. He played havoc with the Florida Panhandle. Of course, we here in the Central Florida area were spared the wrath of Ivan altogether.

Finally on September 25, the eye of Hurricane Jeanne, in all its fury, slammed into Hutchinson Island thence the Vero Beach/Port St Lucie area. It then turned northward and proceeded thru Orlando. Hurricane force winds and rain buffeted Titusville for several hours causing major damage to many homes and businesses. She then ploughed a swath up through the center of Florida and entered Georgia just north of Tallahassee.

As the plans call for, members of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club came forward in force and established a local two-way voice communications network second to none. We provided communications in support of emergency management. Our network linked the Titusville Police Department with all three Titusville Fire Stations; Elementary school shelters at Pinewood, Imperial Estates, Apollo, Oak Park; Community Center animal shelter in Port St. John; Parrish Medical Center; and Park Avenue Baptist Church. All stations had lateral contact with all other stations at all times. The catalysts which held this network together and caused it to function well and proper was the professional leadership of Net Control operators: Ed KG4KVO, Bob W4YBI, Linda KG4YFN, Sherry KU4ZO and Bud K4CWG. (Sorry if I overlooked anyone.) An impressive number of operators with KI4 prefixes, representing the newest additions to our HAM radio community, were heard participating and doing a fine job.

Our main link, the 146.91 repeater took a pounding from the storms, knocking out the antenna and electric power. Les K4SJC assisted by Bud K4CWG, braved the weather and spent a lot of time at the site patching up the repeater and keeping it on the air.

In conclusion, we, the members of the Titusville Amateur Radio Club, again, indeed did ourselves proud.
73a es 88s Pike

BEARS Report **Stephanie K4KVO is in sick bay, so this is from Ed Wirth, KG4KVO**

I do want to SINCERELY THANK each and every one of our wonderful volunteers who got the job done during our recent hurricanes. I am so proud that you did such a tremendously great job!!!

In the after action discussions I have heard MANY problems and disagreements from other county areas that our group of volunteers never had, despite some of our people really having some tough conditions in their respective areas. I attribute this to the great POSITIVE attitudes and can-do spirit that we have in our area coupled with some really great preparation with our jump boxes (go kits) and equipment all being ready and set up in a very timely fashion. GREAT JOB!!!! Thank you's to all the guys that made up those kits and ingenious J-pole antennas. The jump boxes have REALLY proved their worth these past couple of months.

On another note.....As you may know, BEARS was awarded the GRANT from the state to buy/build a NEW replacement vehicle for COMM 1. At the last meeting of BEARS, it was voted and accepted by the Board to begin the preliminaries to moving forward with the preparations to begin.

The committees are being formed and volunteers are being sought to help with the engineering and assembling of the vehicle, its' accessories and stations. This will include but not be limited to wire/cable routing, station layout and building and a hundred other tasks to make this new vehicle into the communications vehicle for the county for years to come. If ANY of the TARC members have the time and willingness along with expertise, please contact the group through Stephanie to make your assistance known. They are looking for all kinds of help, so don't miss out on getting in there and helping to build this first class comm vehicle.

Les Griner K4SJC fell and hurt his back while attempting to repair the 146.91 repeater. He is in Room 180 at the Royal Oaks Rehabilitation Center 2225 Knox McRae Drive, Titusville, FL 32780. Please send Les a card or better yet stop in to visit. **73's Ed Wirth KG4KVO**

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Bal.	2101.09
Deposits	3366.50
Total Income	5467.59
Expenditures	2254.69
Balance as of 9/30	3212.90

October Birthdays

4th	KF4AOW	W.S. Dampier
5th	K1DRA	Don Alford
10th	KF4ZOK	Susan Hahne
11th	WB4ZWI	Joanna Johnson
13th	AF4DP	Bernie Flanagan
16th	AC4WM	Mitch Matheny
16th	N4IPJ	Michael Fineman
18th	N4MCZ	Rod Iwan
23rd	KF4IGK	Grant Hahne
26th	N9FAB	Lorraine Tendick

September Minutes

Despite the scramble to move the meeting from the damaged Jaycees Building to Fire Station 11, we had a great turnout of about 40 members. Fred K4DII had stayed behind to direct everyone to the new meeting place.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Bud then told the club about the passing of member Ed Summersett WA3FKC. Jose` KC4VIO spoke for Stephanie K4MVO and announced that she had a new class starting the next night at the First Methodist Church in Cocoa Beach. Les K4SJC talked about the damage to the repeater and said that Archie WN3DHI would work on the tower in the next 7 to 10 days. **(Ed. Note: Mic KI4CFA climbed the tower. Details next month)**

The rest of the program was devoted to a debriefing of the Jeanne communications system. Suggestions were made for improvements and appreciation was expressed to those who worked so hard and so long. A special "Thank You" was given to the numerous new hams who worked so hard and so efficiently. **Becky Lee KF4HTB, Secretary/Treasurer**

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

NEW MEMBERS

KI4CEZ	LEONARD DUNCIL
KD4WHJ	MAYNETTE SMITH
KD4UGH	GEORGE CONSTANOAKIS
WB0AWI	DONALD SPACE

RENEWALS

KF4ZOL	JIMMY EDWARDS
K4SAO	SHAWN O'NEILL
W4ERO	LIZ O'NEILL
WA4JWU	ROGER VERBLE
KF4FNZ	RICK WATSON